PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

Tell your attorney the details of any prior convictions you have had and whether you are on probation or parole.

YOUR ATTORNEY IS LIKELY TO ASK YOU:

- 1. How are you employed?
- 2. Do you receive any public benefits?
- 3. What is your family situation
- 4. Do you own, or will you want to own, any firearms?
- 5. Are you a United States citizen?/Where were you born?

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For more information on collateral consequences visit www.dpa.ky.gov

ADDITIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS



Whether you are charged with a felony, misdemeanor or just a violation, accepting a plea of guilty may carry consequences or penalties beyond simply the sentence given to you by the judge. Other areas of your life may also be affected as well, in ways not specifically ordered by the judge. These other penalties may last the rest of your life.

This brochure is designed to help you identify issues which you should discuss with your attorney.

EMPLOYMENT

Certain types of convictions could affect your eligibility to work in certain occupations. In addition to that, many employers require criminal background checks before deciding whether to hire an applicant. If any of the following questions apply to you, discuss them with your attorney.

- ☐ Are you unemployed and looking for a job with a history of prior convictions?
- ☐ If not, are your current charges related to your job in some way (for example, stealing from your employer)?

☐ Are you currently employed in a job which requires a professional license, certificate or permit?	\square use of fake driver's license to buy alcohol?	\square Do you want to own firearms in the
	☐ theft of a motor vehicle or its parts?	future?
If not, do you intend to some day seek a job which requires a professional license, certificate or permit?	☐ theft of gasoline?	IMMIGRATION
	perjury or making false statements to obtain a license?	☐ Were you born outside of the United States?
☐ Do you intend to join the army or other armed services?	☐ If you are between 14 and 17 years old, do your charges involve controlled	☐ How long have you lived in the United States?
EDUCATION	substances?	\square Have you become a United States citizen?
Eligibility for post-high school education loans can be affected by certain types of criminal convictions. Tell your attorney if any of the	□ Do you hold a CDL (commercial drivers license) connected to your job?	☐ If not, do you have permission from the United States government to be here?
	PUBLIC BENEFITS	\square If so, what is your status?
following apply to you. Are you currently enrolled in school?	Tell your attorney if you would answer "yes" to	O green card, legal permanent resident
	any of the following.	O visa, legal non-immigrant
☐ Are you currently suspended from school or about to be?	☐ Do you live in public housing?	O refugee, asylum
☐ Are the charges against you supposed to have occurred during the time you were enrolled in school?	☐ Do you receive Social Security SSI (Supplemental Security Income)?	O temporary protected status
	☐ Do you receive old-age or survivors social	O Undocumented
	security?	☐ Do you plan on staying in the United States or ever becoming a United States citizen?
☐ Have you or are you receiving any state or federal money from student loans?	☐ Do you receive food stamps, K-Tap assistance or TANF assistance?	
DRIVING PRIVILEGES	☐ Are you receiving unemployment	☐ Do you have family here?
If you are charged with Driving Under the Influence your attorney will explain to you the sentences, fines, fees, and suspensions which may apply to your case. Convictions for other types of crimes can also affect your driving license and your right to drive. Talk to your attorney if any of the following apply to you. Do your charges involve:	benefits?	☐ Do you plan on marrying a United States
	☐ Are your receiving workers compensation benefits?	citizen? FAMILY MATTERS
	☐ Are you receiving veterans benefits?	☐ Do you have custody of any children?
	FIREARMS	☐ Do you have visitation rights to any
	☐ Do you own firearms?	children?
☐ any death resulting from the use of a motor vehicle?	☐ Do you live with other members of the family who own firearms?	☐ Have you applied to adopt a child or to serve as a foster parent?
☐ any felony which included the use of a motor vehicle?	Does your job require you to be able to shoot and carry a firearm?	☐ Do you intend to petition the court to become the guardian of any child?
☐ leaving the scene of an accident?	☐ Do you have a license to carry a firearm?	☐ Do you intend to host an exchange student from another country?
☐ no insurance, second offense?		☐ Do you pay child support?